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One potato for two

Kennard and Theresa Parker participate in the "potato dance" Saturday afternoon at the Inter-Tribal Student Council Pow Wow in the Sapp Fieldhouse. The Parkers won the dance, in which about 20 people competed to keep their potato from hitting the ground. Other activities at the Pow Wow included Native American dance, drum groups and singing.

SCOTT STEWART

NEWS EDITOR

UNO will likely have a permanent chancellor named by the end of May, and the university is on track for having the new chancellor take office by the start of the fall semester.

Four finalists were announced last Thursday afternoon. Starting yesterday, the candidates will make campus visits that include a tour, a news conference, a public forum and meetings with students, faculty, staff and senior administrators, including NU President James B. Milliken.

The four candidates are John E. Christensen, Allen A. Mori, John H. Frederick and Wilson G. Bradshaw.

Christensen, the current interim chancellor of UNO,

has been a faculty member and administrator at UNO since 1978. He has served as the chair of the Special Education and Communication Disorders Department, dean of the College of Education as well as vice chancellor of academic and student affairs. He holds a doctorate in speech pathology and audiology from the University of Kansas.

Mori is the provost and vice president for academic affairs at California State University, Dominguez Hills. He has served as the dean of the Charter College of Education at California State University, Los Angeles. He holds a doctorate in special education from the University of Pittsburgh.

Frederick is the executive vice president and provost of the University of Nevada, Reno. He has served as a professor of chemistry as well as the director of the chemical physics doctoral program and chair of the Department of Chemistry. He holds a doctorate in chemistry from Harvard.

Bradshaw is the president of Metropolitan State University in St. Paul, Minn., where he also is a professor of psychology. He has served as provost and vice president for academic affairs at Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania, vice president and dean of for graduate students and research at Georgia Southern University as well as dean of graduate students at Florida Atlantic University. He holds a doctorate in psychobiology from the University of Pittsburgh.

"The committee faced a challenging task selecting finalists from this outstanding group," said Shelton Hendricks, the chair of the search committee and dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, in a statement. "I was very pleased with the quality of applicants for the position of chancellor at UNO."

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After the campus visits, Milliken will make an appointment, subject to confirmation by the NU Board of Regents. The regents will likely hold a special meeting in May to consider the appointment, said Sharon Stephan, NU assistant vice president of communications and marketing.

Additional information about each of the candidates, including their *curricula vitae*, is available at unomaha.edu/chancellorsearch.

workshop on Student for Peace and Justice, Patty Carlson, an instructor in the School of Social work, and Lori Young, a peer minister for the United Christian Ministries in Higher Education, focused on how university students could increase their activism.

"Where do students want to fit in social justice?" asked Carlson. "Social justice is a value we all share."

Her presentation included tips such as observing levels of commitment and

seeing what more could be done.

The expo was an opportunity for many different viewpoints to be heard and was "democracy in action" said Dan Miller, a Gulf war veteran who shook hands with several members of the College Republicans after their verbal sparring with Sheehan.

"We all want peace," Miller said. "[The expo] is constructive for Democrats in general, but the dialogue is great."



photo by Patrick Doty
Peder Rice, a member of the College Republicans, reacts to Cindy Sheehan's keynote on Sunday.

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KEENA SPENCER-DOBSON
STAFF WRITER

Call for poetry submissions

As part of National Poetry Month, the *Gateway* is proud to announce it is accepting submissions for its first campus-wide poetry competition. Entries will be accepted until today, April 17, with the winning poets' work being published in the April 27 issue.

A panel of judges from the English Department and Writer's Workshop will judge all poems. All submissions, of any length, collaboration or content will be accepted, with any instances of plagiarism rightfully being disqualified.

Submissions, including the name and contact information of the poet, should be sent to Angi Sada at editor@gateway.unomaha.edu.

Professor to use dummy in lecture

Retiring professor William Clute will be giving a "last lecture" on Saturday, April 28, at 7:30 p.m. in the Eppley Administration Building auditorium. Clute, a ventriloquist, will include his dummy,

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George Nichols, in his presentation entitled "The Development of Entertainment During the First Half of the 20th Century: Vaudeville, Broadway, Radio, Movies and Television."

The presentation will be free and open to the public, but seating is limited. Reservations can be made by contacting Clute at wclute@mail.unomaha.edu or by calling 554-2627.

Library hosts day at ballpark

The Criss Library will be sponsoring a "Library Day at the Ballpark!" on Sunday, April 22. Students are invited to enjoy the Maverick doubleheader against the Augustana Vikings and receive goodie bags as well as coupons to waive an existing library fine. The games are scheduled for 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. They will take place at the Ball Park at Boys Town.

Black Studies celebrates 35th anniversary

The Department of Black Studies will celebrate its 35th anniversary today, April 17, with a program in the Strauss Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m.

Mike Maroney, a UNO alumnus and president of New Community Development Corporation, will discuss the student sit-in that helped establish the department. The GBT Academy of the Arts in Omaha will be presenting a re-enactment of the events that lead to the formation of the department.

The Urban Bush Women will also perform during the program. The UBW is a performance ensemble that weaves contemporary dance, music and text with the history, culture and spiritual traditions of African Americans.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Felicia Dailey at 554-2412.

Ally training offered to those interested

Staff, faculty and students wishing to identify themselves as allies of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and intersex persons may attend ally trainings sponsored by the UNO Space Program.

The program will offer two training sessions the week after graduation.

One will be held from 9 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, May 9, and the other on 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, May 10. Participants need to attend only one session and should plan to arrive 15 minutes early to register. Both sessions will be held in Room 111 of the Eppley Administration Building.

Interested individuals need to RSVP to Kent Lavene at 554-3008.

Saudi officials celebrate formation of club

A new student organization recently formed for the more than 100 Saudi Arabian students at UNO: The Saudi Cultural Club.

With the formation of a new club, two officials from the Saudi Cultural Mission will visit the campus. Mayzed al Mayzed, the mission's cultural attaché, and Musaid Assaf, the director of cultural and social affairs, will come to campus at 9 a.m. on Thursday, April 19.

They will participate in events including reading from the Koran, watching Saudi student presentations and listening to short speeches from campus officials.

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April is National Poetry Month and the *Gateway* wants to see what the best minds of our generation have to say. We are accepting submissions of poems by UNO students. The top five will be published in the April 27 issue.

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No respect? No problem: On the job with a student parking specialist

CHARLEY REED
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Consider yourself lucky if you've never received a ticket from one of UNO's orange-vested parking specialists. And if you have happened to have caught one of them writing the ticket, your reaction probably wasn't a smile and wave.

Kristina, a parking specialist and junior at UNO, who asked to have her last name withheld, said that in the two semesters at her job she's been spit on, given the middle finger, yelled at and just about everything short of being physically assaulted.

"You get very passive-aggressive types of anger," she said.

Paul Kosek, assistant manager of Campus Security, said that kind of reaction is just part of the job. Anyone who becomes a parking specialist, he said, needs to understand the problems the job can present.

"You're going to have to be self-motivated," he said. "We want you to patrol the center part of campus all day long, write tickets and just make yourself available."

And while that often means making themselves available to the wrath of annoyed drivers, parking specialists at UNO have to deal with other uncontrollable factors.

"When it's rainy and colder than snot out there, then you're out there freezing your tail off," Kosek said. "That's something you're going to be asked to do."

Like many on-campus jobs, the role of a parking

specialist is filled by at least one student per semester. With the bulk of the job consisting of handing out tickets, it may be hard to understand why a student would want to take on a job with so many drawbacks. That is, until you realize that there's much more to Kristina's job than just handing out parking tickets.

"Sometimes different organizations ask to reserve stalls for an event," she said. "I remember this elderly couple being like, 'Thank you so much. If we didn't have this here, my wife wouldn't be able to walk up to the building.' That's nice."

In addition to reserving parking lots for special events, Kristina and her fellow parking specialists direct traffic, issue visitors' permits, answer questions for visitors and even help retrieve keys locked inside cars.

While she's often the brunt of many negative comments because of the tickets she hands out, Kristina hasn't escaped being ticketed herself.

"Honestly, this semester, I think I actually parked my car in two different places where I'm like, 'Oh, I'm going to move it in the morning,'" she explained, smiling. "No, I forgot, so I had \$50 worth of tickets and I had to pay that."

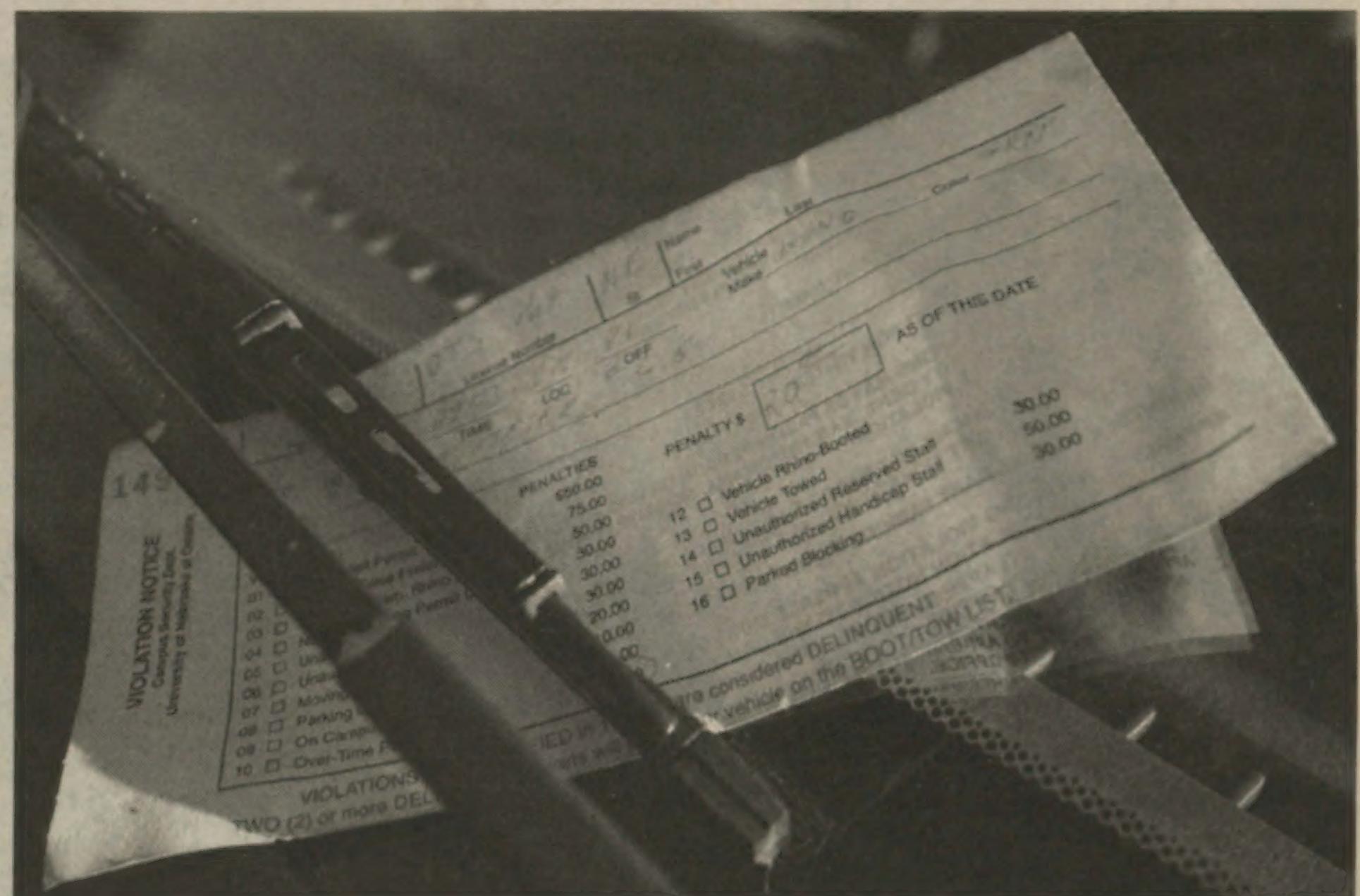


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Parking tickets may be annoying, but according to a 2005 Gateway article, the fees help maintain the campus shuttle system, parking lots and snow removal.

Kristina said her job may not be the most rewarding job, but there are more positives than negatives. She said she enjoys working on campus close to her home at University Village, meeting new people on campus and working hours that allow her to have evenings and weekends off.

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Track team gets down to business after extended spring break

JASON GLENN
SPORTS EDITOR

All the UNO spring sports squads have had their seasons start in fits and jumps due to typically tempestuous midwestern meteorology.

For the track and field team, though, an extra week of waiting may have proven especially difficult to bear.

The Mavs, who are used to a three-week break between the end of the indoor season and the start of their outdoor schedule, traveled to Seward, Neb., this weekend and unleashed their anticipation on the Concordia Invitational field.

Coming off a 10th-place finish at the NCAA indoor meet and the first North Central Conference championship in 26 years, UNO picked up where they left off, claiming six titles, three provisional qualifying times and two meet records.

First-year coach Steve Smith, who

was named coach of the year after the Mavs' NCC win, said, all things considered, it was a great kickoff to the outdoor season.

"You're kind of rusty because you've been laying off for a whole month and you've been practicing but haven't had much intensity so I was pretty pleased," he said.

Senior Laverne Monger led the Mavericks, winning the 200-meter dash in a stadium record 24.32 seconds and anchoring the dominant 4x100 team to a 46.68 finish, also a stadium record.

In capturing the 200 Monger not only topped her own record of a year ago, but also edged sophomore teammate and NCC 200-meter champ Molly Belling by .03 seconds.

While there's no real rivalry between them, Monger said, the friendly competition does push them a little harder.

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photo by Jason Glenn

Sophomore Ashley Yates hits the pit after a long jump attempt Saturday at the Concordia Invitational. Yates won the event with a 17-foot 4.25-inch leap on her first try.

Rocky spring game breeds learning for Mavericks football team

JASON SIBSON
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

An estimated 700 fans showed up to Caniglia Field Saturday afternoon to witness UNO's Spring Game, the annual scrimmage that offers the players a chance to experience full contact and game-like situations five months before the season kicks off.

Perhaps more importantly, the game offered the coaches a chance to see how their players are coming along.

"It's a big evaluation period," said Coach Pat Behrns. "We've got a lot of guys out there who have not been on the field for us, and I think we got a lot out of it."

Offensively, the Mavericks bore a striking resemblance to Saturday's weather,

mostly cloudy with scattered moments of brilliance.

The fans were treated to a hard-fought touchdown by redshirt freshman tight end John Higgins, who caught a pass at the 10 and barreled his way in for the score. They also sat witness to several acrobatic grabs made by Maverick receivers, with 12 different pass-catchers getting in on the

action.

However, the Maverick faithful also saw a handful of fumbles and missed opportunities in the redzone.

"We made a lot of mistakes today," said Behrns. "I can't say it looked very good."

Behrns has led UNO to three straight

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Our Country's Good looks at humanity, offers dramatic play within play

TAYLOR H. MULLER
ASST. SECTION EDITOR

Instantly transporting an audience to a dry, hot Australian setting isn't easy, especially with recent temperatures reaching record lows. But on April 12, the UNO Theatre Department brought a little slice of Australian penal colony to the Midwest.

Our Country's Good, the last main-stage production this season, opened on Thursday with a preview showing to about 60 students and community members.

The play, written by Timberlake Wertenbaker, is historical in nature, looking at the first British convicts sent to New South Wales, Australia in 1789. In order to engage the minds of the assorted pick pockets, pilferers and prostitutes, a Royal Marine, played by Sean Carlson, organizes a prison play.

The play within a play shows the power of the arts. Through the play, each convict is humanized, especially by casting dual roles for most of the real-world actors.

Directed by D. Scott Glasser, *Our Country's Good* opens with a bang and keeps the great lighting and sound coming. The opening scene of the harrowing ocean crossing instantly draws the audience in with its realistic presentation and credible acting.

The minimal set of three tiers of sand works perfectly in all scenes, with the actors' accents being more hit or miss. A dialect expert, Paul Meier, was brought in to assist the actors in preparing for their roles, and while a few sounded forced, most characters had unique and well-done accents.

As a whole, the play is an amazing, immersive experience, with an especially interesting decision of having actors play both a convict and a power role, such as one of the military officers assigned to guard duty. This allowed the humanity of the prisoners to be examined, since they were not physically different



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Midshipman Harry Brewer (Jeffrey Bell; left), Second Lieutenant Ralph Clark (Sean Carlson), Duckling Smith (Shannon Jackson) and the Aborigine (Raydell Cordell III; back) all starred in *Our Country's Good*, which opened April 12 with a preview showing. The show runs through April 21.

than their captors.

The acting was generally excellent, with standout performances by Qadir Khan, both as the hangman Ketch and the oppressive Major Robbie Ross, and Dan Adams as convict John Arscott, but particularly as the commanding officer, Captain Arthur Phillip.

The play has four shows left, April 18-21, with all shows starting at 7:30 p.m. in the Weber Fine Arts Building. There will be post-performance talk on April 20 with the director and Bill Wakefield, a criminal justice professor. Tickets for the show are \$15 for the public or \$12 for students and seniors, and are available at the box office or by phone at 554-2335.

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conference championships, but he has some voids to fill on his way to a fourth. Among the departed are NFL hopeful linebackers Bobby Danenhauer and Kenny Onatolu, and last year's leading rusher Kyle Kasperbauer.

"I don't know if you can replace the guys from last year and the production they had," said Behrns, "but I think we've got a good solid group going in there. We've just got to start to develop some depth."

Senior quarterback Zach Miller turned in a sturdy eight for 13, 70-yard passing day. The man slated to fill Miller's shoes in 2008, freshman Greg Wunderlich, made perhaps

the most noise of anyone that afternoon, completing eight of 14 passes for 107 yards and a touchdown.

Not to be outdone was junior running back Robert Wesley, who exploded for 72 yards and a touchdown on just 14 carries.

Despite the spring mistakes and the voids at key positions, Behrns remains optimistic about his 14th season at the helm.

"I think that there's a lot of little things that if we put it together we will be a pretty good team," said Behrns. "There's no question; we'd like to win all of our games."

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Senior Angela Kampschnieder crosses the finish line after anchoring the 4x400 team.

"I think we feed off of each other, it helps," she said. "That's a good way to start off the season, it'll only get better from there."

The Mavs' other victories came in the 400, 400 hurdles, long jump and 4x400-meter relay. Junior Karin Clarkson, the 2007 NCC indoor 400 champion, captured

the race in 57.47 and senior Magda Orzylowski, last year's NCC winner in the 400 hurdles, took the title in 1:04.53.

While Clarkson and Orzylowski were odds-on favorites in their events, sophomore Ashley Yates' win in the long jump may have been the day's biggest surprise.

Especially to Yates.

"My first jump was pretty close to my [personal record], so I was really shocked," she said. "I didn't really have any expectations. You know, when there's no pressure and no expectations is when you do your best."

Somewhat less surprised was the Mavericks' laconic head coach, who knew his athletes had been itching to end their winter respite and hit the bigger outdoor stage.

"We thought it was going to be cold, but it turned out a little bit better," Smith said. "We had some really good performances for the first meet, people are coming along."

To Monger, though, the gap between the indoor and outdoor seasons wasn't as much of a layoff as people might think.

"[The coaches] don't give us any breaks," she said, laughing. "They don't believe in breaks."



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Fleeing from Fox News presidential debates does not make any sense

As Far As I'm Concerned



Matthew Lytle

The race is on. Not the race to the nearest post office to either send in the 1040 forms most of us had due yesterday, but the race for the White House in

"You Decide 2008." Quite frankly, I'd rather be doing my taxes.

But there's been a story that's been playing in slow motion over the past month or so. In September of this year, one of the upcoming Democratic debates was to be sponsored by the Congressional Black Congress and a perpetual enemy of the liberal left, Fox News.

In response, Sens. Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton and John Edwards have decided not to participate in those debates. Liberal activists, according to a story published in the April 10 edition of the *Washington Post*, called for the withdrawals because Fox "is biased against Democrats."

Such withdrawals are nothing new for this election, even in its early months, because many of the Democratic candidates have also withdrawn from an August debate sponsored by Fox News and the Nevada Democratic Party.

Instead, these three are going to the "other" Congressional Black Caucus debate, one sponsored by CNN, because it "seemed like a more appropriate venue," according to an Obama spokesman.

Wait one darned minute! If Fox News had this "bias" against Democrats, why are they even sponsoring a Democratic debate in the first place, much less two of them? If this bias were true, wouldn't they only sponsor Republican debates?

But, here's the \$64,000 question: If one of the major points of a political campaign is to get your message out to as many voters as you can, wouldn't you want to partake in every single debate

you can get into, regardless of which news outlet sponsors it?

Every night, Fox News' primetime line-up consistently defeats many of the competitors in the cable news business, often to the point where combining the competitors won't even beat out the top-viewed show, which is often "The O'Reilly Factor." Hundreds of thousands often flock to these shows.

Wouldn't it make sense to participate in a debate on that channel, when you've got as large an audience as that? It would make sense to me.

It would also make more sense to me to predict that the first Democratic candidate to stand up and say, "I'm going to go to those debates," will actually do well or better in the polls just by participating in that debate.

And, here's the funny part. According to the aforementioned article, a former head of the Congressional Black Congress "noted that many Democratic presidential candidates, including Edwards, participated in two debates that the caucus put on with Fox in the 2004 primary process." So, I guess four years can change how people see things.

About the only explanation I can fathom as to the sudden change of hearts in regard to these debates is the expanding control fringe groups on the left are asserting on the major candidates, and their perpetual hatred of Fox News is guiding where the candidates debate as well as who they'll let sponsor the debates. But, then again, it's pure speculation.

In a recent column, E.J. Dionne Jr asked the question, "Why do Democrats have an obligation to participate in debates on Fox?" Well, there is no obligation, just like there are no obligations to participate in the other debates. If you ask me, you pull out of one debate, it would only be fair to not participate in any other debates. (Wouldn't it?)

Then again, if a candidate is interested in reaching as many voters as they can, wouldn't it be in their best interest to attend a debate on a channel that has consistently been one of the most watched cable news networks?

Take pride in the 'Idol' of your eyes

How Typical



Michael McManus

I dim the lights, pull the blinds and prepare myself for the event of the week. Friends have gathered, beer is consumed and a cornucopia

of salty and sweet snacks are within reaching distance. The clock strikes 7 p.m., and I send a hush across the crowd in my living room. Our attention instantly turns to the 32-inch Magnavox television before us. Within seconds, the television screen erupts into an explosion of blue and black lights. The time has come. America voted and, I hate to say it, but someone is going home.

The reason I say, "I hate to say it," is because I believe the general public (which may or may not include everyone who watches "American Idol," with the exception of myself), just don't understand the complexities and intricacies behind "going home" on "American Idol."

I justify my position as an "Idol pro" because I have had experience on "American Idol," or something similar.

It was the spring of 2004. It was a glorious spring, a spring filled with memories, laughter and an unquenchable thirst. It was the spring I turned 21. I'll never forget the night of my birthday. We went to a few bars downtown and ended up at a gay bar (literally gay, not slang gay) called Flix. I had a few shots here, some beer there and then I saw it. Glistening under the translucent rainbow light sat a sign that said "Be the next Idol."

Amidst the crowds of gay men surrounding me, I stumbled over to the sign and read the text. I was shocked by what I saw. This was bigger than anything I could have ever hoped for. Not only could I become an "Idol," but I could become the one and only gay "Pride Idol." I quickly ran back to the

table and told my friends the news.

Fast forward a month later. It was the day of the first preliminary round of "Pride Idol 2004." The who's who of gays were in attendance. If you were there, I'm sure you are already asking yourself, "Is this really that guy?" Well, yes, questioning reader, I am that guy.

I chose a selection titled "Amazing," originally sang by Josh Kelly. After seeing the first two guys perform (the first singing "Livin' La Vida Loca" and the second singing "A Moment Like This"), I was beginning to question my ability to obtain the "Pride Idol" crown.

My name was called and I approached the small stage. The crowd was screaming and my body was filled with an intense feeling. I felt as if I had already been crowned the idol of pride. I sang my song and then stood there for the judges' critiques.

Apparently, it wasn't as amazing as I may have thought. The judges, one of which was a drag queen, said that I rushed the song. Ewww.

An hour later, all of the contestants stood on the stage awaiting the final verdict. I looked out at my adoring fans, waiting for one of them to lift a sign that said "I'm a McManiac," but I saw no such sign. Then the winner was announced. As shocked as you may be, it wasn't me. I was beat by a pre-pubescent guy who sang the hit Kelly Clarkson song "A Moment Like This."

Why am I telling you this, you may ask? Well, let me tell you why. I know what it takes to endure such a competition. I sang the song, stood before the judges and took their blows as they came. I know what it takes to be an "Idol" because I, my friends, once tasted the pride of the "Idol."

I may not have come home with the crown (I believe it may have been a literal crown or tiara in this case), but I still came home a winner.

If you have the urge to find pride in your inner idol, I heard a rumor that "Pride Idol 2007" is going on this month. As I have developed some pretty intense "vocal techniques" since 2004, perhaps its time for me to obtain the crown that is proudly mine. Or maybe just the tiara.

Students need to use voices on fees, HPER plans

Sinister Slant



Scott Stewart

UNO students will be paying \$95 more per semester in student fees by the fall of 2010.

That's on top of other fee increases. That's on top of tuition increases. That's on top of taxes, room, board, textbook costs and everything else that a UNO student is expected to find (or borrow) money for every five or so months.

This additional \$95 per semester will go towards funding the proposed expansion and renovation of the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Building, which is slated to begin this summer.

The \$95 increase will be applied gradually over three years. Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Wade Robinson told the UNO Student Senate on March 8. The first increase will be \$20 applied during the 2008-09 school year to retire bond debt. The second increase will come in 2009-10, adding \$45 after the initial phase of the renovation is complete. Finally, an additional \$30 will be added in 2010-11 once the renovation project is done.

Now, it's not like students aren't getting anything for this investment. They will receive more treadmills and weights, a juice bar, 110 additional parking spaces and a beautiful new-looking recreation facility located near the heart of the Dodge Street campus.

Besides that, they will have access to a gym "for free" or, at least, at better rates than one gets downtown.

For example, the plan that goes in front of the Board of Regents on Friday proposes allocating \$921,868 to Campus Recreation - that's 17.07 percent of the total fees collected. Applying the 18.7 percent Fund B increase to what I paid last year, that means I will spend about \$35 on Campus Recreation next semester. If I instead went to the nearby 24 Hour Fitness at 7777 Cass St., according to their Web site, I would be paying roughly the same amount per month (\$36.99) that I spend per semester at HPER. That doesn't even factor in the \$128.99 discounted initiation fee.

There's just one problem: I have yet to work out at HPER over the six full semesters, and two summer terms, that I have spent here at UNO. So that's a couple hundred dollars I will never see again on what is, essentially, a wasted gym membership.

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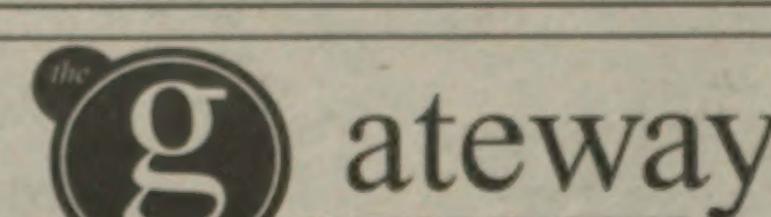
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How cliché is that?

What students need to ask themselves is whether this proposed expansion is worth it. Overall, from a campus perspective, I think it is. But, there have to be a lot of students

out there who are not utilizing HPER even though they pay a considerable chunk of money every month.

More importantly, students who have a strong opinion one way or the other

should seize this opportunity to let their representatives on the board, both Student Regent Alex Williams and their district's elected representative, know how they feel prior to Friday's Board of Regents meeting.

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